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ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING: ADULT:

With the improvements in County Fair equipment and arrangements in the Exhibit Building, the 1948 Fair took on a "New Look" this year. Table space throughout the building was uniform and much increased by making the tables on hand fit around the center posts, and by the addition of tiered shelves. The increased space and different elevations also added much to the attractiveness of the exhibits throughout. After the exhibits were in place, there were many annual visitors who believed that the number of exhibits were less, because there was more display area and thus more open space giving this impression, but really making for a more attractive exhibit. The following two pictures will give an idea of the equipment, such as the clothing stands and the glass show cases for foods, all of which helped to improve the Fair:



Clothing construction mounted on stands and shelves
added to Fair equipment



Glass show cases purchased this year
for display of baked foods.

The County was well represented by entries in the Fair, with those communities nearest Holbrook having the greater number, because of the convenience of transportation.

All information for making up the Premium list for the Fair was in the hands of the printer in May, but again this year, the books were not available until the week of the Fair. This was quite a factor in the limiting of entries, as well as the fact that articles were brought in for which there were not lots and classes for entering.

There was a total of 411 entries in the 4-H and Women's Home Economics Departments this year. These were rather well distributed in the various classes and lots, making for nice competition.

The Superintendent of the Women's Department served in that capacity for the first time this year. With the assistance of last year's Superintendent and this Agent, the organization was completed, help was recruited, and the manipulation of the organization was carried out very satisfactorily. It is hoped that the women will do more preparation and publicity for the Fair another year. They now seem to realize their responsibility, and how they can be of the greatest use.

The following picture shows the women assisting the judges with handling entries.



Local women assisting in handling entries for judging.

It is the belief of those responsible for the Fair that, due to added equipment and space and the protection of exhibits by fences, greater participation can be expected another year.

ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING: 4-H:

Sixty girls have completed work and records in Navajo County for the year 1948. As the previous Agent, who has

done all the work up to completions, reported, Leaders and girls failed to have the needed supervision at a critical time which, in a great measure, accounts for the low percentage of completions. There were, however, a larger number of projects completed, which will be reported under projects.

All 4-H Clubs held a local Achievement program in their various communities. These programs varied from those that were held in the homes of the Leaders, with only the members and Leaders attending, to those held in a public building, such as church or school, with an audience of parents and other patrons in attendance.

Without exception, the work of the girls was on exhibit, was judged and awarded ribbons, and usually the judging was discussed with the girls, Leaders and Mothers. Many of the groups presented a very nice program of music, reports, the meaning of 4-H Club work, and other types of entertainment and enlightenment of their work. On several occasions the girls and their Leaders served refreshments to the group, and some of these carried out the 4-H Club motif in color and design.

It was at these meetings that the Agent collected record books, checked them for completion, and awarded pins according to the year's work accomplished.

CLOTHING: 4-H:

Forty girls completed projects in clothing this year in Navajo County. All of this clothing was on exhibit and was judged at their local Achievement programs, so the Agent had the opportunity to closely examine all articles. The quality of the work was very good, as a whole, and really very few inferior articles were seen. It could easily be observed how the standards of the various Leaders influenced the quality of the work done by the girls.

It was understandable, yet interesting, to have many of the Leaders express the fact that the cooperation of the Mothers of the girls so greatly influenced the type of work done by the girls. Almost without exception, it was the Mothers of the girls who had done the best work that attended their Achievement programs.

All clothing entries in the County Fair that won first place were kept at the Holbrook office and, with the consent of the girls, these were entered in the State Fair.

FOOD PREPARATION: 4-H:

Thirty-nine girls completed records in food preparation projects for this year. As was expected, there were not so many foods on exhibit at the local Achievements. Neither did these girls make many entries in the 4-H Department of the County Fair, which can partly be due to the difficulty of transporting foods.

HOME FURNISHING: 4-H:

One girl has successfully completed a Home Furnishing project by making improvements in her own room. She first studied her room and made a floor plan and list of furnishings as it was. She listed improvements she planned to make, and did a very nice job of carrying them out.

She first painted the walls, which are of a rough surface plaster. A round table top was cut to fit into a corner, leaving the curved edge outside, and fastened on to orange crates to form a very attractive dressing table. Matching draperies, bedspread, stool, lamp shade and dressing table skirt were made to complete a very attractive room. Plans are for further work next year.

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